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Subject: Meeting with Mayor DonCarlos (Baytown, TX); Re: San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site

UPDATE: See Meeting Specifics just provided!

Call-in: (b) (6) /Code: (b) (6)

Meeting: Mayor Stephen DonCarlos (Beytown, TX)

Re: San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site and current EPA actions to address this site

Accompanying the Mayor: Danielle McBeth (Alcalde & Fay – copied above)

Lead Offices: -Region VI; -OLEM's Office of Superfund Remediation & Technology Innovation

Note: Region VI had a meeting with the public and elected officials on February 17 regarding the Agency's response to the news articles cited.

Note: The city's Washington rep just provided some additional details for the 3/22 meeting so here are helpful specifics:

* Baytown Mayor Stephen DonCarlos would like to discuss full remediation/removal of the San Jacinto Waste Pits to protect residents, wildlife and natural resources for future generations in the east Houston/Baytown area.

* In early December 2015, a dive team discovered a large hole in the structure designed to contain toxic waste at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site.

* EPA Region 6 instructed companies responsible for the waste to submit a repair plan for the protective cap that would include confirmation sampling to ensure that no toxic materials were coming through the hole in the structure.

* The armored cap was placed on the submerged pits in 2011 and simple repairs have been needed since that time but no damage has been as extensive as the hole that measures "20-feet long and 10-feet deep and is on the northwest portion of the site."

* The waste results from a Pasadena paper mill that deposited its waste along the San Jacinto River 50 years ago. According to news reports, the waste, from compounds once used to whiten paper, is highly toxic and the EPA has stated that "there is no safe level of exposure to the chemicals, which are known to cause cancer and disrupt reproductive and immune systems."

FYI:

1. SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS | Superfund Site Profile ... <<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0606611>>
<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0606611> days ago ... The 14-acre San Jacinto River Waste Pits site consists of a set of impoundments in Harris County, Texas. Collection of paper mill wastes at the ...
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3. Toxic waste breach in San Jacinto River pits - FOX 26 News ... <<http://www.fox26houston.com/health/healthworks/59684289-story>>
<http://www.fox26houston.com/health/healthworks/59684289-story>Dec 21, 2015 ... EPA says Dioxin leaking into San Jacinto River ... by Waste Management and International Paper about the safety of the Super Fund Site.
- 4.
5. Hole found in San Jacinto Waste Pit cover - Houston Chronicle <<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Hole-found-in-San-Jacinto-Waste-Pit-cover-6713578.php>>
<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Hole-found-in-San-Jacinto-Waste-Pit-cover-6713578.php>Dec 21, 2015 ... Hole found in San Jacinto Waste Pit cover ... meant to contain toxic waste at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site, according to an ...
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7. Divers find hole in San Jacinto waste cover - Houston Chronicle <<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Divers-find-hole-in-San-Jacinto-waste-cover-6714012.php>>
<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Divers-find-hole-in-San-Jacinto-waste-cover-6714012.php>Dec 21, 2015 ... A sign warns the public about the EPA Superfund Site not to eat ... the toxic waste at the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site, the ...



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